

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A group program for resistance exercise training <u>for at least a first user and a second user comprising the steps of:</u>

(a) providing a plurality of at least a first and a second convertible multi-position exercise unit[[s]] adapted for use by the at least first user and the second user, respectively, each of said exercise units being convertible to several different configurations to allow [[a]] the users to perform multiple different exercises on said exercise units in a generally coordinated manner at the direction of an instructor, each of said exercise units further including:

- (i) a frame,
- (ii) a seat positioned on said frame, and
- (iii) an adjustable resistance engine attached to said frame;
- (b) providing instruction in operating said plurality of exercise units for performing a first resistance training exercise in a first configuration;
- (c) providing instruction in converting said <del>plurality of</del> exercise units from said first position to a second configuration; and
- (d) providing instruction in operating said <del>plurality of</del> exercise units for performing a second resistance training exercise in said second configuration.
- 2. (original) The group program of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of exercise units are arranged in one of the group selected from: a circle, an oval, a row, a triangle and a square.
- 3. (original) The group program of Claim 1, wherein said plurality of exercise units are positioned facing a common location to be used for instruction.
- 4. (original) The group program of Claim 3, wherein the common location is to be used by an instructor.
- 5. (original) The group program of Claim 3, wherein a convertible multi-position exercise is located at said common location for demonstration of said first resistance training exercise by an instructor.

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- 6. (original) The group program of Claim 1, wherein said step of providing instruction in converting said exercise units further includes providing instruction in changing a resistance of said adjustable resistance engine.
- 7. (original) The group program of Claim 1, further comprising the step of providing one of the group selected from: background music and music choreographed to said first and second resistance training exercises.
- 8. (original) The group program of Claim 1, wherein said first resistance training exercise includes a positive contraction of a target muscle and a negative contraction of an antagonist muscle.
- 9. (original) The group program of Claim 1, wherein said first resistance training exercise includes contraction of one or more of the group selected from: a stabilizer muscle, a dynamic stabilizer muscle, and an antagonist stabilizer muscle.
- 10. (original) The group program of Claim 1, wherein said group program includes a first class and a second class that vary in one or more of the group selected from: exercises, exercise sequences, durations, intensities, resistance progressions, speeds, ranges and frequencies.
- 11. (original) The group program of Claim 10, wherein said variations are designed to achieve different fitness goals.
- 12. (original) The group program of Claim 11, wherein said different fitness goals include one or more of the group selected from: a general conditioning goal, a strength goal, an endurance goal, and a power goal.
- 13. (original) The group program of Claim 1, wherein said group program includes a class, said class including a sequence of resistance training exercises at least one of which includes a plurality of options that may be performed.
- 14. (currently amended) A group program for resistance exercise training <u>for at least a first user and a second user comprising the steps of:</u>
  - (a) providing a plurality of at least a first and a second convertible multi-position exercise unit[[s]] adapted for use by the at least first user and the second user, respectively, each of said exercise units being convertible to several different configurations to allow [[a]] the users to perform multiple different exercises on said exercise units in a generally

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coordinated manner at the direction of an instructor, each of said exercise units further including:

- (i) a frame,
- (ii) a seat positioned on said frame, and
- (iii) an adjustable resistance engine attached to said frame;
- (b) operating said plurality exercise units to perform a first resistance training exercise in a first configuration of said <del>plurality of</del> exercise units;
- (c) converting said plurality of exercise units from said first configuration to a second configuration; and
- (d) operating said exercise units for performing a second resistance training exercise in said second configuration.
- 15. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said plurality of exercise units are arranged in one or more of the group selected from: a circle, an oval, a row, a triangle and a square.
- 16. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said plurality of exercise units are positioned facing a common location to be used for instruction.
- 17. (original) The group program of Claim 16, wherein the common location is to be used by an instructor.
- 18. (original) The group program of Claim 16, wherein a convertible multi-position exercise is located at said common location for demonstration of said first resistance training exercise by an instructor.
- 19. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said step of converting said exercise units further includes changing a resistance of said adjustable resistance engine.
- 20. (original) The group program of Claim 14, further comprising the step of providing one of the group selected from: background music and music choreographed to said first and second resistance training exercises.
- 21. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said first resistance training exercise includes a positive contraction of a target muscle and a negative contraction of an antagonist muscle.

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- 22. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said first resistance training exercise includes contraction of one or more of the group selected from: a stabilizer muscle, a dynamic stabilizer muscle, and an antagonist stabilizer muscle.
- 23. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said group program includes a first class and a second class that vary in one or more of the group selected from: exercises, exercise sequences, durations, intensities, resistance progressions, speeds, ranges and frequencies.
- 24. (original) The group program of Claim 23, wherein said variations are designed to achieve different fitness goals.
- 25. (original) The group program of Claim 24, wherein said different fitness goals include one or more of the group selected from: a general conditioning goal, a strength goal, an endurance goal, and a power goal.
- 26. (original) The group program of Claim 25, wherein said group program includes a class, said class including a sequence of resistance training exercises at least one of which includes a plurality of options that may be performed.
  - 27. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said exercise unit is portable.
- 28. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said adjustable resistance engine has a weight, said adjustable resistance engine is adapted to create a resistance greater than said weight of said adjustable resistance engine.
- 29. (original) The group program of Claim 14, wherein said adjustable resistance engine is below a plane of said seat.
- 30. (original) A method for implementing a group program for resistance exercise training comprising the steps of
  - (a) providing training for the group program for one or more representatives each having an area of responsibility;
  - (b) providing training for a plurality of individual instructors for the planning and administering individual sessions of the group program via said representatives;
  - (c) certifying said plurality of individual instructors have successfully completed said training; and
  - (d) planning and implementing a group resistance training program using a plurality of convertible multi-position exercise units, each of said exercise units being convertible to

several different configurations to allow a user to perform multiple different exercises on said exercise units, said exercise units including a frame, a seat positioned on said frame and an adjustable resistance engine attached to said frame.

- 31. (original) The method for implementing a group program of Claim 30, further comprising the step of providing feedback from said instructors to said representatives.
- 32. (original) The method for implementing a group program of Claim 30, wherein said training steps includes operation and conversion of said exercise units.
- 33. (original) The method for implementing a group program of Claim 30, wherein said resistance training program provides a circuit resistance training program including said plurality of exercise units being configured in at least two different configurations.
- 34. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the adjustable resistance engine attached to said frame further comprises elastomer springs; and

and actuator attached to said resistance engine wherein said resistance engine provides a constant load to the user when said actuator is actuated.

35. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein the adjustable resistance engine attached to said frame further comprises elastomer springs; and

and actuator attached to said resistance engine wherein said resistance engine provides a constant load to the user when said actuator is actuated.

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